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# NJIT Libraries Annual Report FY2008-2009

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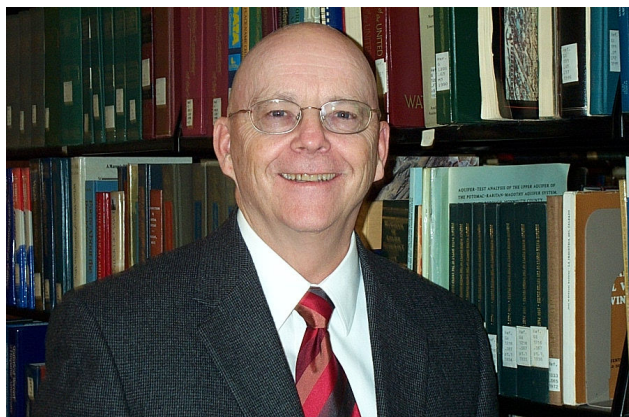
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**DEAR COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS & FRIENDS  
OF THE NJIT LIBRARIES:**



In July 2009, I started my 15<sup>th</sup> year as University Librarian at NJIT and I enjoy the opportunity to continue to serve you. It is still exciting given the staggering speed of change in academic libraries.

The NJIT Committee on Academic Affairs (CAA), upon the recommendation of the Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee (UCRC), adopted for the first time, The Institute Information Literacy Plan. This is a crucial step to insuring that NJIT will be graduating all students understanding how to effectively find and use information. It also means that the University will meet both the related Middle States Commission on Higher Education accreditation standards as well as the New Jersey Academic Licensure Requirements. The librarians played an important role in getting this new IL Plan established and will now put their efforts into helping faculty make this plan successful.

The librarians embarked with Humanities on a program called Research Roadmaps that requires all 40 sections of freshmen students taking composition HUM 101 & 102 to participate in a series of mandatory information literacy workshops integrated into their coursework and accounting for 10% of the grade.

For the first time in my tenure at NJIT, there were no changes in the 25 library full time staff in the last academic year. Since we have an exceptionally talented and hard working staff, we are fortunate to have this stability.

The big improvement for the NJIT Libraries in AY 2008-2009 was the inception in March of RapidILL. RapidILL is a behind-the-scenes service that has resulted in a huge reduction in the time it takes to get an interlibrary loaned article from another academic library. During weekdays, over 66% of articles requested are filled within 24 hours. See the related article inside.

Unfortunately, because the prices of journal and database subscriptions continued to rise, and because the AY 2009

library materials budget was funded lower than the prior two academic years, the library was forced to cancel one hundred and four journal subscriptions. The library also had to cancel several databases including Wilson Applied Science and Technology Abstracts, INSPEC and Ulrich's Web. In addition, the book budget in FY 2009 dropped to 66% of FY 2008 levels and 33% of AY 2007 levels.

The good news is that the State of New Jersey, through the NJ State Library, at the last minute of the budget year, found sufficient funding to renew, for FY 2009, two of the academic databases in the New Jersey Knowledge Initiative, Business Source Premier and Academic Search Premier that are very popular with our faculty and students.

The growth of peer reviewed open access journals (free and accessible over the web to all readers) has not kept pace with the cancellation of subscription (fee-based) journals and thus our scholars continue to lose access to research materials because of this continuing trend. We continue to try to promote open access scholarly journals.

The design plan for the Mellon Foundation funded OLE (Open Library Environment) was completed in July, 2009 after a year of intense input and discussion among the nation's top academic libraries. The OLE project has the potential to greatly improve academic library services and we are monitoring it closely. They have now funded the "build" part of the project along with a number of academic partners and expect to have the first roll out of the new system in AY 2013. We believe that the OLE system will replace two or more of our current library systems with less cost and greater functionality.

I welcome your comments at [sweeney@njit.edu](mailto:sweeney@njit.edu).

Richard Sweeney  
University Librarian

## **NJKI: NEW JERSEY KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE DATABASES FUNDING**

The State Library of New Jersey again renewed the two remaining New Jersey Knowledge Initiative (NJKI) databases, **Academic Search Premier** and **Business Source Premier** at the last minute for FY 2009-2010. This guaranteed that the New Jersey academic institutions including NJIT will continue to have access to all of the journal titles/articles in these heavily used collections. This saved NJIT in FY 2009-2010 about \$26,043, \$10,777 for BSP and \$15,266 for ASP. The NJIT Faculty Library Committee ranked ASP and BSP, sixth and seventh most important academic databases respectively for this year.

Wiley journal and Nature journal subscriptions, formerly funded under NJKI, now must be purchased by NJIT, forcing the library to eliminate journals and other databases. Funded by the State of New Jersey, NJKI is a service of the State of New Jersey. Please see <http://www.njki.org/> for more information.

## **ASK NJIT LIBRARY KNOWLEDGEBASE**

### **(Nominated for NJLA CUS 2009 Technology Innovation Award)**

**ASK NJIT LIBRARY** is a natural language web-based self service software knowledgebase that supports reference services. Since its inception, users asked 74,75 unmediated (answered automatically) questions of the library and obtained answers about 83% of the time.

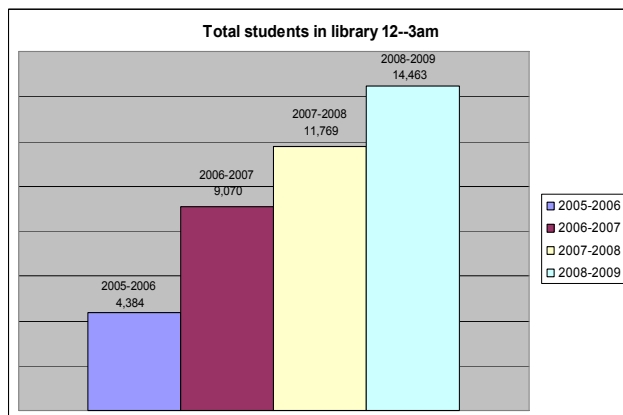
The NJIT Libraries now has a search box (i.e. query box) at the center of the homepage. This technology provides a 24/7 website self-service experience that makes it easy for website visitors to type a question in natural language and get **one** right answer. Users do not have to navigate many layers of web pages associated with website Q&A or browse a lengthy list of frequently asked questions. Leveraging existing NJIT IntelliResponse software used at other university departments, the library developed a knowledge base of FAQs or ready reference questions to answer student library questions. This knowledgebase is updated every time a user asks an important question that wasn't asked before.

#### **Benefits of this Innovation for Students and the Library Staff**

- Increases both the accuracy and consistency of directional, policy and procedural questions.
- Reduces a student's time emailing, making a phone call, chatting, making a trip to the library or navigating the library website.
- Empowers library users via a very easy self-service model that permits natural language query.
- Reduces librarian time answering emails, taking phone calls, or chatting. Library staff themselves find this service valuable as they too can use it to obtain answers to frequently asked questions.

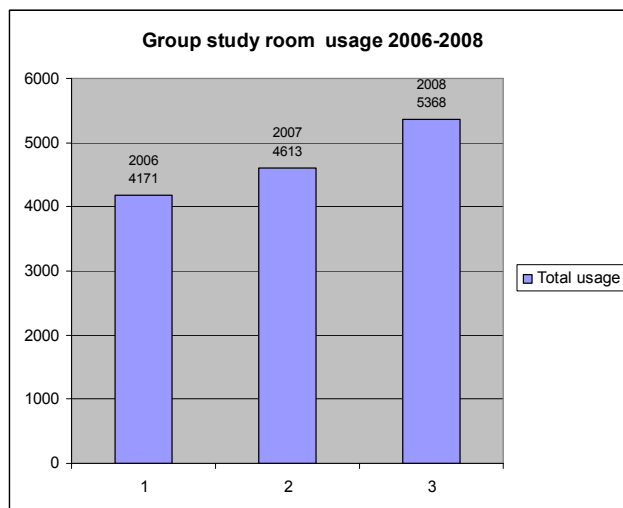
<b>ASK NJIT LIBRARY</b> <b>Fiscal Performance Report: FY 2008-2009</b>				
	<b>07/01/08- 09/31/08</b>	<b>10/01/08-12/31/08</b>	<b>01/01/09-03/31/09</b>	<b>04/01/09-06/31/09</b>
Total questions asked	2041	2036	2046	1352
System health	81%	83%	84%	84%
Average Questions per Day	30	23	23	15
Day with Most Questions	9/24/2008 ( <b>85</b> )	10/15/2008 ( <b>56</b> )	1/12/2009 ( <b>63</b> )	6/25/2009 ( <b>42</b> )
Top question	Where can I find info on workshops and instruction?	Where can I find info on workshops and instruction?	Where can I find my professor's course reserves?	What are the library hours?
Num of Times Top Question Asked	162	207	209	137

## LATE HOURS: FY 2008-2009



Use of the library during late night hours (Midnight to 2:45am during final exams) continued at the same level as last year, with more students using the library between the hours of 12 midnight and 3am. Our statistics show an increase of over 1,600 students using the library during late night hours. To ensure better security for our students, the library initiated an NJIT card "swipe" access policy after 10pm. The only exceptions are students from nearby colleges-Rutgers, Essex County College, UMDNJ, Seton Hall, and Montclair University, who may enter the library after 10pm by showing their university ID cards and signing in.

## GROUP STUDY USE & COLLABORATION

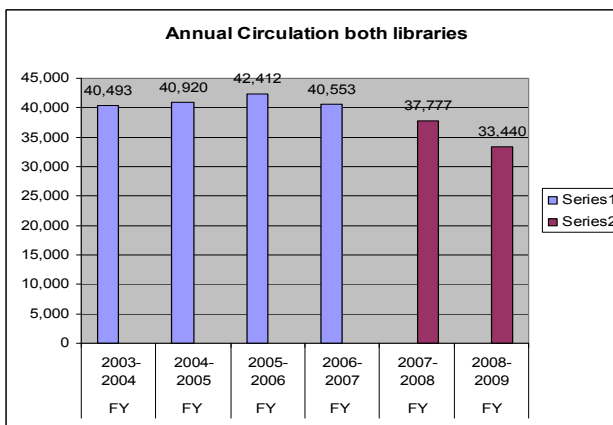


The number of students requesting group study rooms continues to grow. The trend towards group study and collaboration is evident throughout the library. When all 13 library group study rooms are in use, students compensate by gathering around the many large study tables throughout the library.

## CIRCULATION: PRINT & E-BOOKS

Circulation, the number of times that books and other items are loaned to students, faculty and staff, has dropped four of the last five years. The circulation decrease in FY2007-2008 and 2008-2009 was particularly large due in part to 50% book

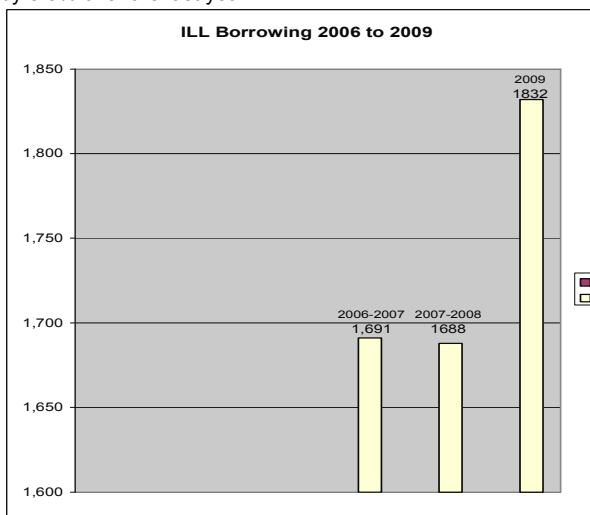
budget reductions each year. E-books are more frequently used but have not reversed the consistent downward count of hardcopy book circulation (see chart). Though hampered by budget cuts, the library still added 4,863 new print books and 337 E-books to our collection.



## RAPIDILL: NEW INTERLIBRARY LOAN INITIATIVE

You may have already noticed that when you place an Interlibrary Loan (ILL) request for a journal article on the same NJIT library ILL form (<http://library1.njit.edu/ill/ill-web/ill-login.cfm>) that it is now filled much faster, mostly within 24 hours during weekdays! The articles can often be sent to your email account saving you even more time. And you do not have to do anything different in order to get the benefits of this new service.

Behind the scenes, the NJIT library quietly joined RapidILL.org, a distinguished nationwide group of academic libraries in this new ILL resource sharing program. NJIT began the pilot program in February, 2009 and moved into full participation in March. So far the RapidILL system has been hugely successful in providing quick **article** delivery to NJIT faculty, students, and staff. RAPID streamlines interlibrary loan article ordering, resulting in greater efficiency and increased volume. See <http://rapidill.org/> for more information. ILL Borrowing has increased by 8.5% over the last year.





## INTERLIBRARY LOAN USAGE UP 8.5%: (104 JOURNALS CANCELLED)

ILL usage has increased dramatically over the last year, not only because the library implemented the new RapidILL service, but also because one hundred and four journal subscriptions were cancelled because of budget retrenchment. The new ILL service has helped to compensate somewhat for the journal cancellations although it can't replace the instant access to scholarly research.

## OPEN LIBRARY SYSTEM INVESTIGATION

Ann Hoang, Assistant University Librarian, conducted an investigation of the feasibility of selecting and implementing a less expensive open library system (OLS) in FY 2008-2009 as a cost saving measure. While open library systems software such as Evergreen or Koha are free, there are still real costs to hardware, migration, operations and custom software updating. The library non-personnel budget has remained at the same dollars. While the library materials budget remained flat, our current Voyager integrated library system (ILS) from Ex-Libris continued to increase in price as it has every year. We have been looking for a less costly solution. Ann discovered that any annual maintenance cost savings from moving to a new OLS during the first year would be far less than the cost of selecting, migrating and implementing a new OLS. There would be a high level of internal staff time required to migrate to any new OLS. The return-on-investment for an open library system would occur only after several years. The NJIT Library has continued to monitor open library systems and has participated in providing input into the design of the OLE (Open Library Environment), an open library system under development with support from the Mellon foundation. See <http://oleproject.org/> for more information. The library administration believes that OLE is consistent with the NJIT library vision and will be the best likely choice to replace our current ILS sometime between 2013 and 2015.

## NJ LIBRARIES SNAP SHOT DAY

What would you see and learn if you could peak inside and listen to some of the library users at every NJ academic, public and school library on one single day? You would see how much they are used and the impact the libraries have. This actually occurred when the NJIT libraries participated in Snapshot Day, on February 19, 2009. The New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) launched a project called **Snapshot: One day in the life of New Jersey Libraries** to capture the impact that New Jersey libraries have on their communities on a typical day. On this particular day, the NJIT libraries contributed photos and usage data for the activity that occurred that day. "Snapshot Day allowed us to highlight the activities that occur on a typical day in our libraries and gave our customers the opportunity to describe the prominent role libraries play in their lives," said

Norma Blake, New Jersey State Librarian. See <http://snapshot.njlibraries.org/> for more information.



Van Houten Library on Snapshot Day, February 19, 2009



Architecture Library Director Maya Gervits assisting a student at the Littman Library.

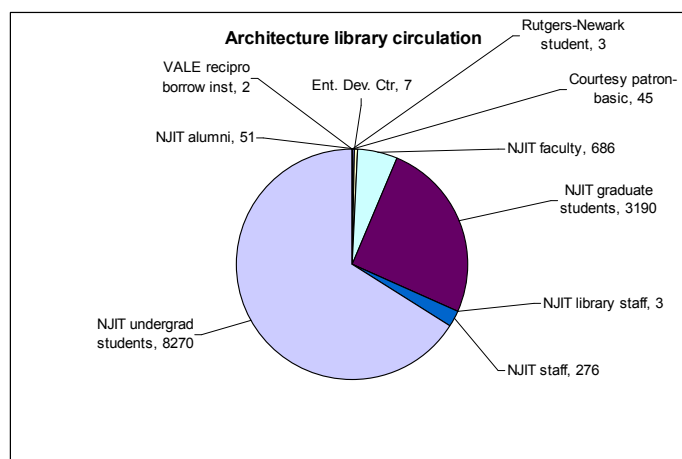
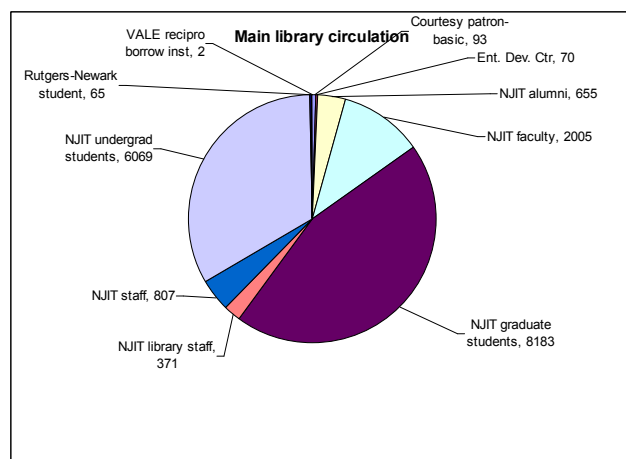
## REFERENCE AND LIAISON SERVICES Information Literacy

The *Middle States Commission on Higher Education*, the primary university accreditation body in this part of the country, now requires evidence of information literacy instruction and assessment. They will be making an accreditation visit to NJIT in the Spring of 2012. The NJ Commission on Higher Education, which issues licenses to academic institutions, now also requires an Information Literacy component. Current library information literacy activities include the ongoing Research Roadmaps sessions for HUM 101 and the new HUM 102 workshop. There is also a new integrated online Moodle course to assist the lower division undergraduate students with their information literacy. Information literacy must now be undertaken across the university. The librarians will support this effort in terms of promoting information literacy, contributing guest lectures, creating and sharing learning objects such as videos, and handouts, etc., and in helping faculty within academic departments teach information literacy.

### USER ANALYSIS

The total circulation count for both NJIT (Van Houten and Littman Architecture) libraries was 33,440. Circulation patterns differ between the main and architecture libraries because of the type of users. The Van Houten Library circulates most print material to graduate students, and the architecture library circulates the larger percentage to undergraduate students, as illustrated by these charts.

	FY 2003-2004	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
Hours: Van Houten Library open in a typical week	91	93 (spring semester) 91 (fall semester)	93 (spring semester) 91 (fall semester)	107.5	107.5	107.5
Hours: Littman Architecture Library open in a typical week	66	66 (fall semester) 72 (spring semester)	72	72	72	72
User: Visits to Van Houten library	476,234	403,725	428,274	425,209	405,231	402,375
User: visits to the Littman Architecture Library	71,742	71,084	72,135 (estimated)	77,450	75,147	80,082
General circulation (both libraries)	40,493	40,920	42,412	40,553	37,777	33,440
EBL: E-books Usage Statistics	NA	NA	1,280	1,315	1,934	3,034
Items borrowed from other libraries	2,189	2,200	2,241	1,691	1,688	1,832
Items lent to other libraries	307	683	998	981	918	1,463



## JOURNAL TABLE

	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
Journal titles purchased in online databases	19,541	20,705	21,703	31,656	33,273
Accessible journal titles not-purchased by NJIT (e.g. NJKI)	n/a	14,658	15,448	20,170	19,443
Total individual journal subscriptions	410	455	507	507	402
Individual print only journals	100 (14 packages)	161	161	161	126
Individual e-journals only	197	223	240	240	184
Both print & e-journals	n/a	71	68	68	55
Online bibliographic indexes	7	7	7	7	4
Online full text databases	11	19	20	21	19

## ELECTRONIC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS (ETD)

1,389 theses and dissertations are available in electronic format as ETD's (Electronic Theses & Dissertations). From July 2008 to June 2009 233 ETDs went live on the NJIT homepage. Researchers, students, and business people from around the world continue to find hits to our ETDs through Google and Yahoo searches and then get immediate full-text content through our NJIT ETD portal. PDFs for 1,332 of the ETDs were downloaded a total of 1,799,549 times during the academic year 2008-2009.

View NJIT's ETD's at <http://library.njit.edu/etd>

## ARCHIVES

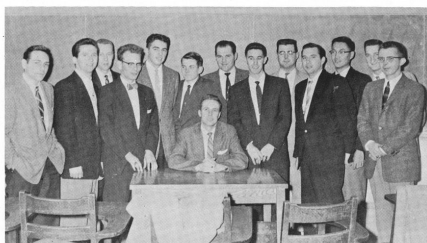
<http://library.njit.edu/archives>

In the fall of 2008, the NJIT archives digitized the 1958 and 1983 yearbooks and placed them on the web in conjunction with the 50th and 25th anniversary of the alumni visit to the campus during reunion week. In the spring of 2009 the library digitized the 1959 yearbook. See the past yearbooks and other archival collections at <http://library.njit.edu/archives>

The 1983 Nucleus (NJIT Yearbook) and the 1958 Nucleus (NCE Yearbook) were added to the digital archive at [library1.njit.edu/archives/yearbooks](http://library1.njit.edu/archives/yearbooks)

### Below Class of 1958 (50th Anniversary)

#### Class of 1958



President .....	Robert Allen
Vice-President .....	Edward Gillen
Corresponding Secretary .....	Bruce DeLorenzo
Recording Secretary .....	Donald Stevens
Treasurer .....	Lee McClellan



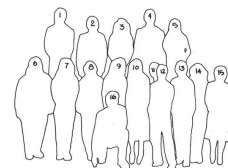
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#### Ambassadors



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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Chris Schenk       | 7. Alicia Fatjo   | 13. Marilyn Crespo |
| 2. Frank Corso        | 8. Mary Elberger  | 14. Fialdy Colon   |
| 3. Jean Kaminski      | 9. Lisa Kuo       | 15. Ann Wright     |
| 4. John Wehner        | 10. Cindy Schwarz | 16. Paul Manz      |
| 5. Sharon Coogan      | 11. Sandra Krespo |                    |
| 6. Antoinette Kelleff | 12. Gene Santana  |                    |

The Ambassadors is a non-profit service on campus. Its intent is to assist administrators, faculty members, or other student groups with any scheduled activity. Ambassadors provide a valuable support system at the NJIT Graduation exercises in May of each year. An Ambassador will be present to give directions to visitors as well as guided tours. They are also prepared to answer virtually any question that a visitor may have about NJIT. This group is not funded by the Student Senate, but rather it is under the direction of the Dean of Students and the Admissions Office.



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### Above and Below: Class of 1983 (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

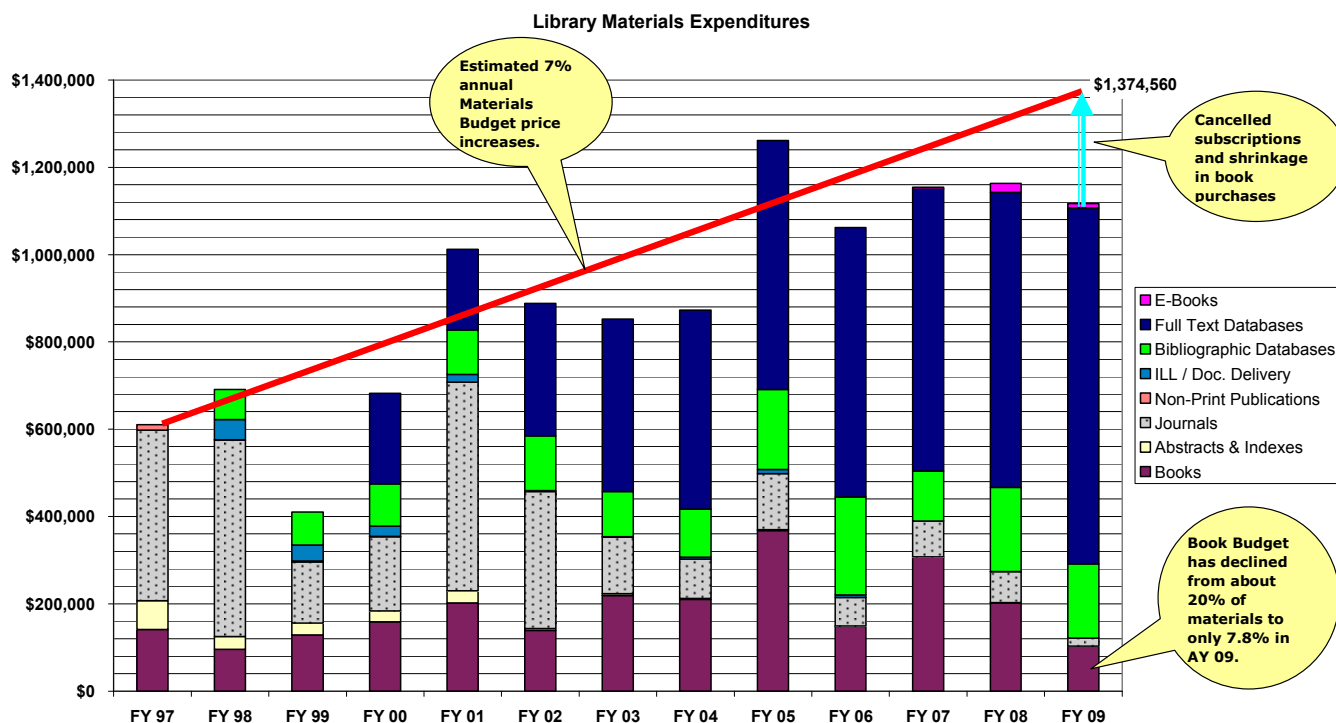


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## LIBRARY AND MATERIALS EXPENDITURES

Below is a graph presenting history of the NJIT library materials expenditures (and encumbrances). The average subscription prices continue to increase about 8.45% per year. See Library Journal's annual periodical price survey. The result is that the NJIT library is able to purchase far fewer titles.



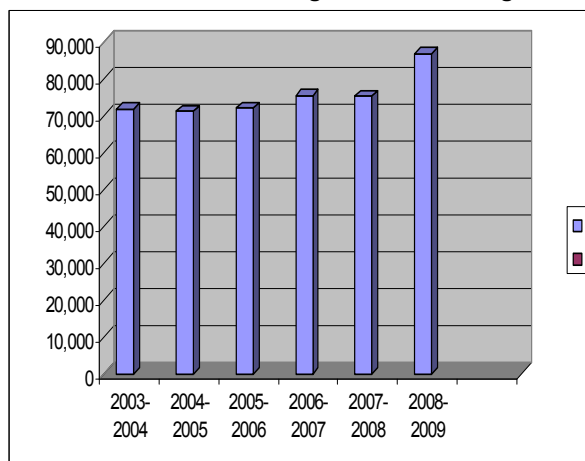
## LITTMAN ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY

Barbara & Leonard Littman Library remains an extremely busy place: book circulation is consistently high and represents 38.2% of the overall university transactions. Between 50-60% of the university circulation occurs in subject areas related to the College of Architecture and Design curriculum. There has been a steady rise in the number of visitors for the architecture library. During FY2008-2009 we saw a 15% increase from 75,147 to 86,810 visits, and it was not unusual to have up to 800 visitors a day (especially at the beginning of a new semester).

Although we saw a steep decrease in book acquisition, additional funding received at the end of the year allowed us to order more publications for the new programs in art and design. Our budget was almost equally split between acquisition of books and journals/databases and we managed to secure subscriptions to major periodical resources. We placed more reserve materials online so they can be accessed via the library website even when the library is closed. With the assistance of the School of Architecture graduate students, we continued to digitize maps and architectural drawings, and add content to the *Architectural Image Database*. While maintaining a collection of more than 70,000 slides we increased production of digital images, adding many of them to support specific class assignments. The Database almost doubled in size since 2003-2004 and as of this writing contains

14,679 images. We also continue to update and support the *Siena-Newark Summer Program* website.

### Architectural Image Database Usage



## DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF NEWARK

Launched in 2008, [Digital Archive of Newark Architecture](#) (DANA) is actively used by students, scholars and the public revisiting the history of Newark.



It is a fast growing collection. In FY2008-2009 we added over 100 articles, plans and books, 76 new individual maps, including those from the *Robinson Atlas of the City of Newark* (1926). Students' works, published reports, and various master plans of the city were incorporated into the archive. There are also numerous links to historic materials.

In July 2008 we received an external grant to support the development of this project, to upgrade our technology, and to acquire rare books. DANA is growing into a comprehensive archive of the evolution of Newark and are negotiating collaborative projects with other Institutions. We are open to any organization that has related Newark documents (print or digital) which they are willing to share.

In May 2009 NJIT approved a new Information Literacy Plan "to ensure that NJIT undergraduate students graduate with adequate and competitive information literacy skills". In addition to instruction provided by faculty and to the *Research Roadmap* we increased the number of Information Literacy sessions here at the Littman Library. We offered both general and course-specific instruction as well as consultations focused on particular topics. We added a few online tutorials: *How to find articles in art & architecture*, *How to use Grove Dictionary of Art*, and *How to cite images*. They can be accessed via the library website at: <http://archlib.njit.edu/articles/tutorials.php>. We also designed new web pages: *Reference Resources in Art and Design* (<http://archlib.njit.edu/docs/artdesign.php>) and *Resources in Sustainability* (<http://archlib.njit.edu/research/sustainability.php>) and supplemented them by numerous links to online resources in *Delicious*.

To make our video collection widely available to our patrons we introduced in collaboration with the Architecture Student Union a new service *Library Movie Nights* which we hope to continue this in the future. Our goals and our challenges remain the same. We are looking forward to creating a positive and enriching experience for our students in 2009-2010 and we will do our utmost to maintain the same level of services for our patrons and to satisfy their research needs.

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES:

**Richard Sweeney**, University Librarian

In AY 2009, Rich was invited by UNESCO to the Alexandria Library, Alexandria, Egypt where he made a presentation on Information Literacy with Haymwanee Singh (who participated through teleconference) and the next day conducted a live Egyptian Millennial focus group with students from a local university.

Rich also made presentations and/or conducted Millennial focus groups at Georgia Institute of Technology, American Society of Engineering Educators Annual Conference & Exposition (Pittsburgh), Provost's Seminar on Teaching at the University of Michigan, Iowa library Association at Grand River Center, Dubuque, Iowa; NELINET Leadership Institute at Tower Hill Botanica Gardens, Massachusetts and William Paterson University. Rich also made a presentation entitled Library Customers: the Next Generation to the Living Legacy Society at Yorktowne Hotel, York, PA.

Rich continued to be an active member of the VALE (Virtual Academic Library of New Jersey) Executive Board.

**Ann Hoang**, Assistant University Librarian



Member of the Executive Board for NJLA College and University Section / NJ ACRL chapter and served as secretary for FY2008-2009.

Participated in a poster session titled "Virtual Conferencing Using NJEDge-Marratech." This poster session featured a live demonstration of Marratech, a cross-platform web video-conferencing system available free through NJEDge. The software supports video and audio

connections between multiple users in virtual meeting rooms and the ability to share documents online.

Attended an OLE regional workshop, a forum for academic and research libraries to discuss and provide feedback on the OLE Document Project on November 6, 2008.

Attended NJLA Annual Conference in April 2009.

Active member of the VALE Website committee and have taken on the primary role to lead the re-design of the VALE website using Drupal CMS.

**Haymwantee Singh, Technical Reference Librarian**



Co-presented with Richard Sweeney via teleconference, "13 years after the Internet: Where Goes Information Literacy?", UNESCO "Training-The – Trainers In Information Literacy Workshop Hosted by the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt November 4, 2008, Alexandria, Egypt.

Presented on the topic, "Scopus Can Answer Your Questions ", at 1st Scopus and Science Direct Annual Joint Development Partners

Symposium, Miami, Florida, November 17-20, 2008.

Presented a novel library technology program titled: "ASK NJIT LIBRARY: A Natural Language Website Self-Service Solution" at the VALE 10th Annual Users Conference held on January 9th, 2009, and for NJLA CUS 2009 Technology Innovation Award SCC, Alexander Library, Rutgers University Friday, March 20, 2009. This technology innovation was one of the 3 finalist for the award and was presented at NJLA 2009 Conference, Technology Innovation Forum Tuesday April 28 2009, Long Branch, NJ

Presented and published a peer-reviewed paper: Singh, Haymwantee, Sweeney, R.T., Ask NJIT Library: A Natural-Language Knowledge Base Self-Service Solution, Proceedings of the American Society for Engineering Education, Austin TX, June 16, 2009.

**Bruce Slutsky, Technical Reference Librarian**



Participated in QANDANJ chat reference service and Initiated Twitter Reference Service.

Developed a professional librarians blog <http://njitbruce.blogspot.com>

Active in the American Chemical Society Division of Chemical Information – was Assistant Editor of the Chemical Information Bulletin

For the 9<sup>th</sup> year Bruce was convener of the METRO Science Librarians Special

Interest Group. The following activities were held last year:

1. Information Literacy in the Sciences: Where do we stand and where are we going - A Roundtable Discussion
2. Research Forum featuring the following: Robert Olley - Conducting Academic Research in the Fields of Zoology and Conservation Jill Cirasella - Quirky, Not Quacky: Quantum Computing For Librarians Valerie Tucci and Naveen Maddali - Future of A&I services and Scitopia.
3. Topic - Updates on Digital Projects in Science Libraries Speakers: Ron Jantz - [Rutgers University](http://Rutgers University) - An Institutional and Architectural Framework for Creating and Preserving Authentic Digital Objects Mike Luby - [National Science Digital Library](http://National Science Digital Library) - Updates to the NSDL Participated in LibCampNYC2009, a library camp organized by METRO and Brooklyn College. I facilitated a session titled "How should we handle the dinosaur known as the reference desk?" <http://libcampnyc.pbworks.com/Reference-Desk-as-Dinosaur>

**David Scharf, Director of Reference**



David Scharf & Heather Huey presented: "Litetia attends NJIT." at the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee's program "The Information Literacy Life Cycle of Litetia" to Librarians from K to College at Brookdale Community College. June 25, 2009

David Scharf & Heather Huey participated and presented on a panel at the VALE 2009 Users Conference: Assessing Information Literacy Outcomes, Part 1: Learning from

Some Internal Experiences Assessing Information Literacy Outcomes, Part 2: Learning from Some External Experiences

The New Jersey Library Association Presentation at (NJLA) Annual Conference, April 27-29, 2009 in Long Branch on "College Students as Wikipedia Authors: New pathways to information literacy."

**Andrea Spender, Technical Reference Librarian**



Member of the BRASS Business Reference in Academic Libraries Committee

Pursuing a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Public and Nonprofit Management & Policy at NYU's Wagner school

Member of the Review Board for the Wagner Review, the academic journal of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University

**Maya Gervits, Director Architecture Library**



Maya continues to participate in work of the national professional Association of Architecture School Librarians as well as of a local library consortium. Maya is working on a task force of the Association of the Architecture School Librarians (AASL) for the NAAB teams training and attended AASL conference in Portland, Oregon (March 2009).

Maya's proposal for a chapter of the Festschrift for Helen Roberts has been accepted.



**Heather Huey**, Information Literacy Librarian



Heather enrolled in the Instructional Design program through University of Massachusetts Boston. She will earn her Master of Education in 2011.

Peer Reviewed articles  
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#### Presentations

With Davida Scharf, Heather presented . "Litetia attends NJIT." at the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee's program "The Information Literacy Life Cycle of Litetia" to Librarians from K to College at Brookdale Community College. June 25, 2009

With Davida Scharf participated and presented on a panel at the VALE 2009 Users Conference Assessing Information Literacy Outcomes, Part 1: Learning from Some Internal Experiences Assessing Information Literacy Outcomes, Part 2: Learning from Some External Experiences

Heather is an active member of the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee. She attended the LOEX 2009 Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

**Doreen Mettle**, Director of Circulation and ILL



Doreen is an active member of the VALE Resource Sharing Committee. This committee identifies, recommends, and implements policies and practices that will enhance resource sharing among academic libraries in New Jersey using VALE and NJ state-

wide technical infrastructures. She is also a member of NJIT Parent Advisory Committee. She coordinated NJIT's participation in "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of New Jersey Libraries", February 19, 2009. Doreen attended BookExpo America, May 2009.

**Lisa Weissbard**, Cataloging Librarian



During the 2008-2009 year Lisa was a member of the NJLA Technical Services committee and the VALE Bibliographic Control and Metadata committee. She attended the NJLA annual conference in April and Ex Libris Endusers meetings in August and May.

**Matthew Brown**, Digital Projects Librarian



Matthew became a member of the NJLA College and Universities Section and ACRL NJ Chapter Technology Committee: This committee discuss the use technology in libraries, plan sessions for the annual NJLA conference, and give an annual technology innovation award to a library project

that develops/implements an innovative technological solution for serving their users. In February 2009 Matthew attended the Code4Lib Conference in Providence, RI. Code4Lib is a loosely structured camp/conference for library technologists to commune, gather/create/share ideas and software, be inspired, and forge collaborations.

**Erin Finnerly**, E-Resources/Serials Librarian



Erin is an active member of the VALE Electronic Resources Committee. She attended the 2009 Electronic Resources & Libraries (ER&L) conference held in February at UCLA. ER&L provides a forum for information professionals to explore ideas, trends, and technologies related to electronic resources and digital services.

**O'Donnell**, Architecture Library Specialist



Jessica attended 2008 ACRL/NY Symposium at Baruch College, NYC, entitled "The 21st century Library: Targeting the trends" in December 5, 2008.

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